

Terms of reference of the Places of Worship Forum (POWF)

Roles

- To advise Commission, via staff, on matters concerning the work of English Heritage relating to historic places of worship
- To be a non-denominational forum for those pursuing the conservation and sustainable future of historic places of worship.

Specifically, members are required

- To guide and assist English Heritage in pursuing its strategy for historic places of worship, through the organisations or sectors they represent
- To advise English Heritage on the exercise of statutory functions under relevant legislation in relation to historic places of worship
- To ensure that the organisations or sector they represent are kept fully informed of the progress of English Heritage work with historic places of worship

Chairmanship

The Chairman of the Forum shall be appointed by the Chairman of English Heritage.

Membership

Members will be invited from the following organisations or sectors dealing with historic places of worship as follows:

- Church of England, Archbishops' Council
- Churches' Legislation Advisory Service
- Catholic Church Patrimony Committee
- The Joint Committee of the National Amenity Societies
- The Churches Conservation Trust
- The National Churches Trust
- The Heritage Lottery Fund
- The United Reformed Church
- The Baptist Union of Great Britain
- The Ecclesiological Society
- The Methodist Church
- English Heritage Commissioner with responsibility for Places of Worship

There are currently 12 full members of the Forum, not including the Chairman.

Quorum

The quorum of the meeting will be three full members.

Frequency of Meetings

The Forum normally meets four times a year. It is also proposed that the summer meeting takes the form of a visits day.